

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING CONSTITUTION

H. J. R. No. 21

Proposing an amendment to Article XVII, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, to alter the procedure for amending the Constitution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article XVII, Section 1, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Legislature by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, to be entered by yeas and nays on the journals, may propose amendments to the Constitution, to be voted upon by the qualified electors for members of the Legislature, which proposed amendments shall be duly published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election, the time of which shall be specified by the Legislature, in one weekly newspaper of each county, in which such a newspaper may be published; and it shall be the duty of the several returning officers of said election, to open a poll for, and make returns to the Secretary of State, of the number of legal votes cast at said election for and against said amendments; and if more than one be proposed, then the number of votes cast for and against each of them; and if it shall appear from said return, that a majority of the votes cast, have been cast in favor of any amendment, the said amendment so receiving a majority of the votes cast, shall become a part of this Constitution, and proclamation shall be made by the Governor thereof."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on May 18, 1971, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that the Legislature may propose an amendment of the Constitution at any session of the Legislature."

Adopted by the House on February 1, 1971: Yeas 134, Nays 13; passed by the Senate on February 4, 1971: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor February 5, 1971.

Rejected at election held on May 18, 1971.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—LAMAR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT—ABOLITION

H. J. R. No. 31

Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas abolishing the Lamar County Hospital District; providing for an election prescribing the form of ballot and providing for the necessary proclamation and publication.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 6. On the effective date of this Amendment, the Lamar County Hospital District is abolished. The Commissioners Court of Lamar

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County may provide for the transfer or for the disposition of the assets of the Lamar County Hospital District."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the general election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the provision for voting for or against the proposition:

"The Constitutional Amendment abolishing the Lamar County Hospital District."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House on April 27, 1971: Yeas 146, Nays 0; passed by the Senate on May 11, 1971: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor May 17, 1971.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—
PROPERTY TAX—DISABLED VETERANS
AND SURVIVORS—EXEMPTION**

H. J. R. No. 35

Proposing an amendment to Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the Legislature to provide a tax exemption for certain property owned by a disabled veteran and the surviving spouse and minor children of a disabled veteran and the surviving spouse and minor children of members of the armed forces who lose their life while on active duty.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. (a) All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; actual places of religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to such church or religious society; provided that such exemption shall not extend to more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling place and in no event more than one acre of land; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the religious, educational and physical development of boys, girls, young men or young women operating under a State or National organization of like character; also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be bought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such bonds or mortgages, that such exemption of such land and property shall continue only for two years after the purchase of the same at such sale by such institutions and no longer, and institutions of purely